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Letter dated 14 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, the Ethiopian regime unleashed an unlawful and unprovoked attack against the people of Eritrea in the Tsorona area on the morning of 12 June 2016.

This belligerent act of the Ethiopian government is a threat to regional and international peace and security. Therefore, the Government of Eritrea requests an urgent meeting of the Security Council, in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter.

I also have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, that a representative of the Government of Eritrea be allowed to participate in and make a statement at the meeting.

It must be underlined that, in violation of the Charter, its treaty obligations and international law, as well as the United Nations and Organization of African Unity/ African Union-guaranteed final and binding delimitation and demarcation decisions of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission in 2002 and 2007, the Ethiopian government continues to occupy a swathe of sovereign Eritrean territory, including the town of Badme.

I would be most grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Council and be circulated as a document of the Council.

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